

Dated: March 20, 1995.

H. Dale Hall,

*Acting Deputy Regional Director, Region 1,
Portland, Oregon.*

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of One Single Family Residence on Lot 22, Blue Hill Estates Subdivision, Travis County, TX

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Wayne Bell (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number PRT-799946. The requested permit, which is for a period of 2 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of one single-family residence at 6500 Distant View, Blue Hills Estates Subdivision, Travis County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application and EA/HCP should be received by no later than April 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Joseph E. Johnston, Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1077 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments

concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Acting Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas (see **ADDRESSES** above). Please refer to permit number PRT-799946 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph E. Johnston at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Wayne Bell plans to construct a single-family residence on Lot 22, Blue Hills Estates, or addressed 6500 Distant View, Austin, Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat per residence. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

James A. Young,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of One Single Family Residence on Lot 4 or 8402 Critter Canyon, Critter Canyon Subdivision, Travis County, TX

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Rex B. Rivers (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number PRT-799945. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years,

would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of one single-family residence on 8402 Critter Canyon, Critter Canyon Subdivision, Travis County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application and EA/HCP should be received by no later than April 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Joseph E. Johnston, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/790-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm) at the Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Acting Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas (see **ADDRESS** above). Please refer to permit number PRT-799945 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph E. Johnston at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Rex B. Rivers plans to construct a single-family residence on Lot 4, Critter Canyon Subdivision, or addressed 8402 Critter Canyon, Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat per residence.

The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

James A. Young,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-05-7122-09-6606]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be directing the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) by a third party contractor on the impacts of a proposed gold mining/processing operation known as the Imperial Project, which would be located on public lands in Imperial County in southern California. Comments are being requested to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the proposed action, to determine the scope of the issues (including alternatives) that need to be analyzed, and to eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not significant. Supporting documentation should be included with comments recommending that the EIS address specific environmental issues.

DATES: For Scoping Meetings and Comments: Public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates: 7 pm PST, Monday, April 17, 1995, at the El Centro Community Center, 375 South First Street, El Centro, California 92243; 7 pm MST, Tuesday, April 18, 1995, at the Best Western Yuma Inn Suites, Palm Canyon Room, 1450 Castle Dome Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85365. Written comments must be filed no later than Friday, April 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Area Manager, Bureau

of Land Management, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South Fourth Street, El Centro, California 92243, ATTN: Environmental Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas F. Zale (619) 337-4400

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chemgold, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Glamis Gold, Inc., submitted a Plan of Operation to the BLM's El Centro Resource Area office for the proposed Imperial Project in December, 1994. The project would be located on unpatented lode claims south of the Chocolate Mountains, approximately 45 miles northeast of El Centro, California and 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona, on land administered by the BLM. The project would include mining, waste rock and heap leach facilities, miscellaneous roads and buildings, and reclamation of disturbed lands. The project would consist of up to three (3) open pits, four (4) waste rock stockpiles, one (1) heap leach facility, one (1) water well field and pipeline, one (1) power substation and power line, and one (1) processing facility, and would operate for approximately twenty (20) years. Up to 120,000 tons of ore and waste rock would be mined per day. Processing and reclamation activities would be expected to continue for up to five (5) years after cessation of mining. If approved, approximately 1,600 acres of land would be disturbed and later reclaimed as the result of this project.

A tentative project schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment/Scoping Period—
March 1995
Hold Public Scoping Meetings—April 1995
File Draft EIS—October 1995
Hold Public Meetings on Draft EIS—
November 1995
File Final EIS—January 1996
File Record of Decision—March 1996
Begin Project Construction—July 1996
Dated: March 15, 1995.

G. Ben Koski,

Area Manager.

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[USFS, R-6, 595053; GP5-088; OR-50345 (WASH)]

Order Providing for Opening of Land; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action will open 480 acres of land to surface entry, mining, mineral leasing and geothermal, subject to the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to National Forest System

lands. The land has been eliminated from a Forest Service exchange proposal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 28, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Chappel, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-952-6170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C. 485, 486), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), and the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (43 U.S.C. 751), the following described Federal land has been eliminated from the initial exchange proposal between the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, Washington:

Willamette Meridian

T. 13 N., R. 4 E.,

Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 480 acres in Lewis County.

At 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, the land will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid existing applications received at or prior to 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, will be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter will be considered in the order of filing.

At 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws. Appropriation under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

At 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, the land will be opened to applications and offers under the mineral leasing laws and the Geothermal Steam Act.

Dated: March 15, 1995.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Acting Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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